City of Wolverhampton Council

SCHOOLS' FORUM

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Summary
This report provides an update of the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2019-2020, following Forum agreement to apply the local funding formula, in accordance with the guidance issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Decisions
Members of the Schools' Forum are asked to:

1. Note the individual schools' budget settlement for 2019-2020

Schedule of Background Papers
School Forum reports: January 2019, October and December 2018
Dedicated Schools Grant allocation tables: 2019 to 2020 (www.gov.uk)
Schools Revenue Funding 2019 to 2020: Operational guide – December 2018

1.0 Background

1.1 On 19 December 2018, the Department for Education made annual announcements regarding school funding for 2019-2020. The table below details the City of Wolverhampton's initial DSG allocation for 2019-2020, as set out in the following blocks:

Details	£m	Basis of calculations
Schools Block	191.215	£4,150.26 per primary pupil £5,544.87 per secondary pupil
Central School Services Block	2.033	£32.46 per pupil plus an adjustment for historic commitments
High Needs Block (Provisional)	35.976	
Early Years Block	19.070	
Total	**237.464**	

1.2 This report considers the allocation of the Schools Block for Wolverhampton in 2019-2020 and presents the schools budgets for ratification.

1.3 At Schools' Forum in October 2018, it was agreed that City of Wolverhampton Council would move closer towards the National Funding Formula (NFF) with 2019-2020 being a transitional year, with minor adaptations to the NFF, to create a revised local funding formula.

2.0 Schools' Block Funding

2.1 In December 2018, Schools Forum agreed to transfer 0.5% of the Schools Block to High Needs Block to assist in reducing the increasing demands on the historical overspend in this area, and to retain a growth fund, utilising the residual funds after applying the agreed formula rates.

2.2 The initial formula was submitted to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in January 2019, and, following some adjustments advised by the ESFA, the applied cap rate has been increased.

Factor	Original Approved Rate	Revised Rate (January 2019)	Final
Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Funding Cap	1.5%	2.92%	3.02%
Movement from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Total Funds Distributed to Schools through formula	**£182,223,037**	**£188,624,583**	**£188,583,992**
Available for Growth Fund	£1,579,324	£1,634,359	£1,674,950
Total Distributed to Schools through formula and growth Fund	**£183,802,361**	**£190,258,942**	**£190,258,942**

2.3 Application of these agreements resulted in £188.58 million to be distributed through the funding formula, as illustrated in the following table. Appendix 1 provides a detailed level allocation of this settlement figure.

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT SCHOOLS' BLOCK		2019-2020 allocation £million
2019-2020 Schools Block Allocation		191.22
2019-2020 Transfer to High Needs Block (0.5%)		- 0.96
2019-2020 Deduction for Growth Fund Allocation		- 1.67
2019-2020 Schools Block for funding formula		**188.58**
De-delegation	Support to underperforming ethnic minority groups and bilingual learners	- 0.12
Education functions	Ongoing duties for mainained schools	- 0.41
Academy Recoupment		- 124.11
		- 124.64
FUNDING FORMULA ALLOCATIONS		
Primary Maintained Schools		- 50.54
Secondary Maintained Schools		- 13.40
		- 63.94
TOTAL SCHOOLS BLOCK		**- 188.58**